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XXIX. Earl R. Swanson

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1. SWANSON, Earl Raymond, professor of agricultural economics, b. Rankin, IL 26 May 1921; m. Rock Island, IL 23 June 1951 Janice Eileen Beckstrom.
- I. 2. SWANSON, Sven Gustaf, farmer, b. Potomac, IL 30 Oct. 1886; d. Champaign, IL 18 March 1973; bur. Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin, IL; m. Rankin, IL 15 March 1916
3. ERIKSON, Alice Wilhelmina, b. Rankin, IL 1 June 1890; d. Paxton, IL 9 April 1970; bur. Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin, IL.
- II. 4. SVENSSON, Nils, farmer, postal clerk in Sweden; b. Svarte Hjärup, Uppåkra Parish (Malm.) 2 Feb. 1856; emigr. to the U.S. 1883; d. Chicago, IL 13 Jan. 1912; bur. Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin, IL; m. Sweden 8 April 1878
5. HANSDATTER, Anna, b. Venslev-Holsteinborg Parish, Sorø, Denmark 11 March 1851; emigr. to Sweden 1874 and to the U.S. 1883; d. Rankin, IL 20 June 1933; bur. Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin, IL.
6. ERIKSSON, Ludvig, farmer, b. Järsnäs Parish (Jön.) 6 July 1851; emigr. to the U.S. 1869; d. Rankin, IL 25 April 1936; bur. Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin, IL; m. Rankin, IL 4 Feb 1879
7. GUSTAFSON, Mathilda Charlotta, b. Rya, Bälaryd Parish (Jön.) 14 March 1858; emigr. to the U.S. 1871; d. Rankin, IL 17 Dec. 1935; bur. Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin, IL.
- III. 8. LARSSON, Sven, tenant farmer (*arrendator*), b. Svarte Hjärup, Uppåkra Parish 23 March 1819; d. Sweden 7 Jan. 1860; m. (2) Svarte Hjärup, Uppåkra 23 Aug. 1855
9. LARSDOTTER, Hannah, b. Svarte Hjärup, Uppåkra 10 Oct. 1830; m. (2) 1862; d. 5 Jan. 1893..
10. CHRISTENSEN, Hans, farmer (*gårdsmand*), b. Egeslevmagle Parish, Sorø, Denmark 8 Oct. 1811; d. Venslev 22 Feb. 1858; bur. Venslev; m.
11. JENS DATTER, Mette, b. Venslev, Sorø, Denmark 25 Feb. 1858; d. Denmark.
12. PRAKT, Erik Gustaf Eriksson, soldier in Västra Härad Co. of Jönköping Regiment, b. Järsnäs Parish (Jön.) 28 Sept. 1812; emigr. to the U.S. 1869; d. Paxton, IL 16 June 1889; bur. Glen Cemetery, Paxton, IL; m. (1)
13. MAGNIDOTTER, Anna Stina, b. Dala Mellängård, Järsnäs Parish 16 May 1813; d. Järsnäs 18 Jan. 1855.
14. APELROTH, Gustav Andersson, farmer, b. Bälaryd Parish (Jön.) 17 July 1808; emigr. to the U.S. 1869; d. Rankin, IL 11 Oct. 1880; bur. Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin, IL; m.
15. ANDERSDOTTER, Anna Catharina, b. Lommaryd Parish (Jön.) 9 April 1818; emigr. to the U.S. 1871; d. Rankin, IL 13 Jan. 1898; bur. Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin, IL.

- IV. 16. JÖNSSON, Lars, b. Knästorp Parish (Malm.) 25 Feb. 1774; m.
 17. CHRISTENSDOTTER, Bengta, b. Hällestad Parish (Malm.) 20 Jan. 1789.
 18. NILSSON, Lars, b. Vinstorp. Lomma Parish (Malm.) 26 Jan. 1795; d. 22 Oct. 1870; bur. Lomma Cemetery; m. Lomma 26 March 1825
 19. HANSDOTTER, Ingar, b. Vinstorp No. 2, Lomma Parish 9 Feb. 1808; d. 16 Oct. 1871.
 20. CLAUSEN, Christen.
 22. MADSEN, Jens, b. Denmark; m.
 23. PEDERSDATTER, Karen, b. Denmark.
 24. HOLM, Eric Hansson, dragoon (*dragon*) in the Swedish Army; b. 1785; d. 1860; m.
 25. HÅKANSDOTTER, Catharina, b. Hultsjö Parish (Jön.) 1787 (?); d. 1828.
 26. ANDERSSON, Magnus, farmer, b. Dala Mellängård, Järsnäs Parish 2 Nov. 1787; d. 1 April 1861; m. 27 Dec. 1812
 27. JÖNSDOTTER, Stina Greta, b. Järsnäs Parish 21 Sept. 1788; d. 1 Feb. 1850.
 28. GUSTAFSSON, Anders, farmer, b. Flisby Parish (Jön.) 25 March 1759; m.
 29. JÖNSDOTTER, Maria, b. Flisby Parish 1771.
 30. HÅKANSSON, Anders, farmer, b. Lommaryd Parish (Jön.) 28 July 1786; m.
 31. JANSDOTTER, Christina, b. Lommaryd 30 Dec. 1795.
- V. 32. CLAESSION, Jöns, b. Tottarp Parish (Malm.) 26 Feb. 1734; d. 26 Feb. 1776; m. 23 June 1771
 33. LARSDOTTER, Hanna, b. Knästorp Parish (Malm.) 9 Feb. 1740; d. 9 March 1803.
 34. SIMONSSON, Christen, tailor, b. Hällestad Parish (Malm.) 20 June 1756; d. 27 April 1828; m.
 35. JOHANSDOTTER, Margareta, b. Sjöstorp Parish (Malm.) 21 April 1757; d. 22 April 1843.
 36. SVENSSON, Nils, b. Lomma Parish (Malm.) 23 Feb. 1751; d. 18 May 1801; m. 4 March 1781
 37. LARSDOTTER, Elsa, b. Lomma Parish 9 Sept. 1762; d. 4 April 1824.
 38. OLSSON, Hans, farmer (*hemmansägare*), b. Vinstorp No. 5, Lomma Parish 22 March 1765; d. Vinstorp No. 2, Lomma 12 Dec. 1834; m. 31 Oct. 1802
 39. HANSDOTTER, Hanna, b. Malmöhus *län* in Dec. 1774; d. 19 March 1837.
 46. NIELSEN, Peder.
 48. OLSSON, Hans, b. 1755; m.
 49. ERSDOTTER, Elisabet, b. 1757.
 50. ---, Håkan, b. 1738; m.
 51. ---, Catrina, b. 1748.
 52. JÖNSSON, Anders, b. Lekeryd Parish (Jön.) 1 Oct. 1752; d. 24 Dec. 1819; m. 1782
 53. MÅNSDOTTER, Stina, b. Svarttorp Parish (Jön.) 1 May 1752.
 54. ANDERSSON, Jöns, b. Järsnäs Parish (Jön.) 1741; m.
 55. JOHANNISDOTTER, Annica, b. Järsnäs 1753.
- VI. 64. KNUTSSON, Claes, b. Östra Skrävlinge Parish (Malm.) 20 Nov. 1692; d. 16 March 1771; m. 1721
 65. LARSDOTTER, Hanna, b. Tottarp Parish (Malm.) 1706; d. 18 April 1770.
 66. JONSSON, Lars, m.
 67. ---, Elsa.
 68. JONSSON, Simon
 74. PERSSON, Lars, b. Lomma Parish (Malm.) 10 April 1741; d. 14 May 1786; m. 29 Nov. 1761
 75. ANDERSDOTTER, Ingeborg, b. 1740; d. 22 Aug. 1823.
 76. PERSSON, Ola, tenant farmer (*hemmansåbo*), b. Prästberga, Lomma Parish (Malm.) 1725; d. Vinstorp No. 6, Lomma 29 Jan. 1802; m. Lomma 22 March 1755
 77. JEPPASDOTTER, Ingeborg, b. Karstorp, Lomma Parish 1730; d. Vinstorp, Lomma 9 Nov. 1797.
 78. HANSSON, Hans, tenant farmer (*åbo*), b. in Småland 1738; d. 1807; m. (2) 24 June 1774
 79. NILSDOTTER, Aida, b. Lomma Parish 6 April 1740; d. 6 Jan. 1776; bur. Lomma cemetery.
 98. SIMONSSON, Eric, b. 1708, m.
 99. ERSDOTTER, Margit, b. 1709.

- VII. 128. JONSSON, Knut, b. 1657; d. 2 July 1723; m.
 129. CLAUDDOTTER, Elna, b. 1667; d. 1 July 1719.
 148. LARSSON, Per, tenant farmer (*åbo*), b. Vigenstorp, Lomma Parish 10 March 1697; he farmed Prästberga, the manse of the local clergyman; d. Vigenstorp, Lomma 1765; m. (1) Lomma 26 Dec. 1720 (No. 153); m. (2) Lomma 7 April 1735 (No. 149)
 149. ADAMSDOTTER, Eva, b. 1702; d. Vinstorp, Lomma 21 June 1772.
 150. JÖNSSON, Anders.
 152. =148.
 153. NILSDOTTER, Magdalena, b. 16 March 1691; d. 19 Sept. 1734.
 154. NILSSON, Jeppa, tenant farmer (*åbo*) in Karstorp, Lomma Parish, b. 1692; d. Karstorp 13 Jan. 1771; m. 30 Nov. 1728
 155. HANSDOTTER, Ingar.
 159. JONSDOTTER, Anna, b. Vigenstorp, Lomma 1700; d. 1 May 1783.
 VIII. 256. LARSSON, Jon, b. 20 Nov. 1627; d. 22 Feb. 1698; m.
 257. KNUTSDOTTER, Sissa, b. 17 Aug. 1626; d. 15 Oct. 1699.
 296. PERSSON, Lars, tenant farmer (*hemmansåbo*), b. Blåsberg, Lomma Parish 1658; d. Vigenstorp in March 1728 and bur. in the Lomma cemetery; m. (1) 2 March 1684; m. (2) Lomma 30 July 1693 (No. 297)
 297. NILSDOTTER, Elsa.
 298. JONSSON, Adam, b. 1674; d. 1753; m. 1701
 299. HANSDOTTER, Kerstin, b. 1676; d. 1760.
 304. =296.
 305. =297.
 306. PÅLSSON, Nils, tenant farmer (*åbo*) in Prästberga, Lomma Parish.
 308. JEPSSON, Nils, tenant farmer (*åbo*), b. 1664; d. in Karstorp, Lomma 28 March 1728; m.
 309. —, Karna, b. 1655; d. 6 Jan. 1729.
 IX. 592. LARSSON, Per, b. 1626; d. 9 March 1718; bur. 9 March 1718 in Lomma cemetery; m.
 593. —, Anna, b. 1638; d. 21 Nov. 1717; bur. Lomma cemetery.
 594. HANSSON, Nils, lived at Vigenstorp in Lomma Parish; m.
 595. —, Hanna.
 610. =594.
 611. =595.
 616. ANDERSSON, Jeppa, b. 1597; d. Karstorp, Lomma Parish 20 June 1689.
 X. 1184. —, Lars, b. ca. 1600.

Appendix A-Sources

Ancestors of No. 9 (Hannah Larsdotter) are listed and referred to as members of the Wigenstorp family in A.W. Lundberg and Vilh. Ljungfors, *Tre Skånska Bondesläkter från Västra Bara* (Lund 1915). Microfilm copies of this book are available in the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, University of Illinois Library, Urbana, IL and University of Minnesota Library, Minneapolis, MN. Other sources for this ancestor table include the Emigrant Registers for Göteborg and Malmö, parish records in Jönköping and Malmöhus *län*, Stadsarkivet in Malmö, Landsarkivet in Vadstena, Krigsarkivet in Stockholm, and Landsarkivet for Sjælland, Lolland-Falster and Bornholm, Copenhagen. Margaret Swedberg Olson, Hastings, MN (great-granddaughter of Nos. 8 and 9) and Karin Nilsson of Helsingborg, Sweden furnished information on the ancestors of No. 8 (Sven Larsson). The Emigrant Institute in Växjö and parish pastors in Vireda (Jön.) and Venslev (Sorø), Denmark also provided assistance.

Appendix B - Selected Demographic Trends

Following is a summary of some of the demographic characteristics present in Ancestor Table XXIX. Preparation of this summary is clearly a much easier task than *explaining* the patterns that are exhibited. The scope of the trend analysis is governed by the immigrant generation (No. II in Ancestor Table XXIX) and includes the ancestors and descendants of these four persons (Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7). We pose the general question: Were the demographic patterns present in this family prior to emigration continued in the USA?

A number of limitations in this particular data base need to be recognized. In addition to the usual questions about the accuracy of the reported data, the list of ancestors is incomplete prior to Generation III. This means that a sampling of the total population of ancestors occurs in Generations IV through IX and the representativeness of such a sample based on record availability cannot be determined. Nevertheless, the summarization of the available data is instructive and serves to provide a profile of trends in selected demographic variables in this particular augmented ancestor table.

The numbers of persons in each generation entering the sample for each of the six analyses are presented in Table 1. Generation II in Ancestor Table XXIX is designated as the immigrant generation and interest lies in the degree of continuity in demographic trends in the descendants of Generation II in the USA. In order to broaden the base for these observations, Generation I is augmented with the adult siblings of nos. 2 and 3 in Ancestor Table XXIX, the grandchildren (Generation O) and great-grandchildren (Generation -I) of the immigrant generation (Generation II). Spouses of the siblings of Nos. 2 and 3 and spouses of descendants in Generations O and -I are not included in the analyses. They are considered to have "married into the family" and are not descendants of the immigrant generation (Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7). Only three descendants (Nos. 1, 2 and 3) of immigrant generation are in the ancestor table. The names of the other 27 descendants of Generation II that do not appear in Ancestor Table XXIX, may be obtained from the author. Nearly complete lists of descendants of members of Generation III are also available on request.

In each of the six cases a statistical analysis has been used to determine if a trend exists. If the trend-line cannot be statistically distinguished from a horizontal line, the latter is shown in the figure. The results of the statistical analysis of the data are available from the author. In figures 2-6, individual observations are ranked by birth year and *equally* spaced on the horizontal axis, rather than on a scale corresponding to the birth year. The trend lines are based on calculated values for the earliest and latest birth date.

Generation Span. Has there been a trend in the number of years between succeeding generations? For our purpose, generation span is defined as the difference between the average birth years of succeeding generations. Figure 1 indicates an average generation span of 33.1 years for the ten intervals shown. The pattern of slightly more than three generations per century has remained

reasonably stable. It should be noted that data are incomplete for Generations IV through IX and that sampling is based on record availability. The long span between Generations II and III is of interest. All members of Generation II emigrated from Sweden to the USA and the longer generation span (37.9 years) may reflect a younger position of the emigrants with respect to their siblings than in other generations.

Average Age of Parent at Birth of First and Last Child. The generation span depends in part on the sequence in which an ancestor appears in relation to his/her siblings. Related to this is the pattern of parents' ages with respect to those of their children. In order to study this aspect of the ancestor table it is necessary to use information available on siblings and half-siblings. Lack of this information reduced the size of sample to that indicated in Table 1 (note column headed by Fig. 2 & Fig. 3). Generation O is included under the assumption that members of this generation are beyond their child-bearing ages. Generation -I is excluded because members of this generation are currently reproducing and the "last" child has not yet been determined. Figure 2 indicates a rather persistent pattern of the father's age at birth of the first child—an average of 28.9 years. The decline in the age of the father at birth of last child is associated with the drop in total number of children (Figure 4). The pattern for mothers (Figure 3) is similar to that of fathers, but with a somewhat shorter period of years between first and last child. The average age of mothers at the time of birth of the first child is 27.7 years. In the event of more than one marriage, the data for both fathers and mothers includes children from all marriages. This also applies to the next analysis (Fig. 4). Although the average age for mothers at birth of first child seems unusually high, it is not inconsistent with data presented by Erland Hofsten and Hans Lundström, *Swedish Population History, Main Trends, 1750-1970*, URVAL No. 8, Table 2.2 and Figure 2.4, Swedish Central Bureau of Statistics (Stockholm 1976).

Number of Children. The decline in number of children per parent (Figure 4) should come as no surprise. The first entry is a father born in 1658 with 11 children. This is Lars Persson (No. 296). He had two marriages and the records indicate that only 3 of his 11 children lived to adulthood. Fairly high rates of infant mortality persisted until Generation I. For example, of the children born to the immigrant generation (II), 27 percent died before reaching one year of age. This percentage was reduced to zero for the next generation (I).

Age Difference of Spouses. Figure 5 shows a substantial variation in the number of years by which the ages of spouses differ. In seven cases out of 41, the wife's age exceeded that of her husband. There is no statistically significant trend. Although the average age difference of 4.5 years describes the central tendency of spouse age difference over the generations, the variation appears to have decreased.

Longevity. Has there been a trend in life span? Data on age at death are available for 57 persons and the numbers of persons in each generation are listed in Table 1. Generation I is included because all of its members are now deceased.

Generation O is excluded because some of its members are living. Birth years range from 1597 to 1890 and ages at death range from 29 to 92. Two variables are chosen to explain, in a statistical sense, the variation in age at death—(1) year of birth and (2) gender. Year of birth may be viewed as an indicator of the many changes in external influences on life span that have occurred over the last three centuries. The ability of these two variables to explain variation in longevity is very small—together they explain only 2.9 percent of the variation in age at death. Neither birth year nor gender was statistically significant. The average age at death for the 57 persons is 67.1 years and this average does not need to be adjusted for year of birth or gender. Clearly, many other factors contribute to longevity. With this particular set of data it is difficult to support the hypothesis that improved nutrition and medicine have had an impact on longevity of those who survive to reproduce. It is important to point out that these persons are a subset of the larger population considered to be members of the “family” associated with Ancestor Table XXIX. Figure 6 includes only those persons who reached adulthood and thus the data do not reflect reductions in, for example, infant mortality and deaths caused by childhood diseases. Data on expectation of life at birth, by sex, 1751-1970 for Sweden are presented in Hofsten and Lundström, *op cit*, Fig. 3.8.

Summary. The pattern that emerges from these six charts is one of stability and continuity. There is little evidence that dramatic changes have occurred in the patterns displayed by the selected demographic variables subsequent to the emigration of Generation II from Sweden.

Table 1. Sample Sizes for Figures 1-6, by Generations

Augmented Ancestor Table XXIX

Generation		Average Birth Year	Total Number	Number of persons in sample				
				Fig. 1	Fig. 2 & Fig. 3	Fig. 4	Fig. 5	Fig. 6
-I	*	1952	15	15	—	—	—	—
O	**	1915	8	8	6	6	7	—
I	***	1887	7	7	6	6	5	7
II		1854	4	4	4	4	4	4
III		1816	8	8	8	8	8	7
IV		1787	16	11	2	2	10	6
V		1752	32	16	4	4	16	9
VI		1723	64	10	0	0	10	8
VII		1685	128	6	4	4	6	7
VIII		1653	256	6	2	2	4	6
IX		1621	512	3	0	0	2	3
TOTAL				94	36	36	72	57

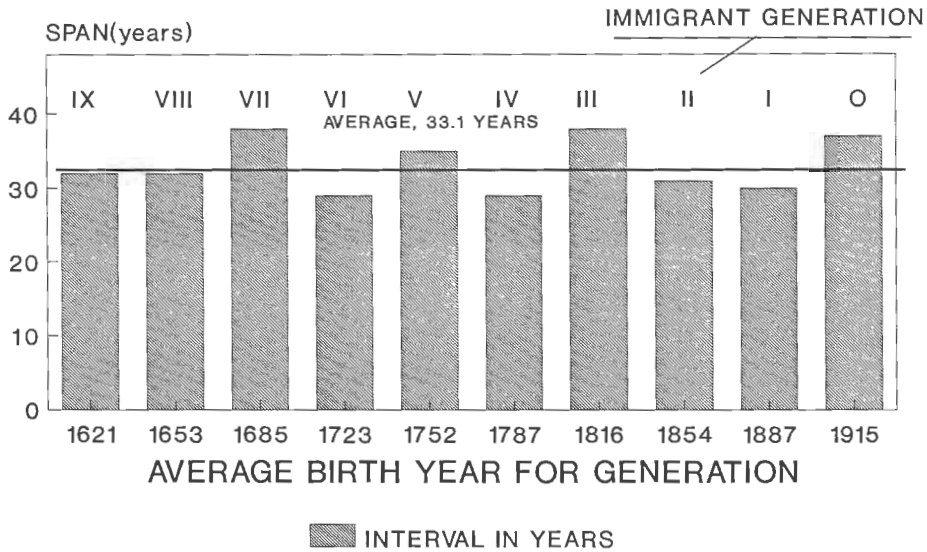
* includes adult great grandchildren of immigrant generation (Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7).

** includes adult grandchildren of immigrant generation (Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7).

*** includes adult siblings of Nos. 2 and 3.

FIG.1 Generation Span

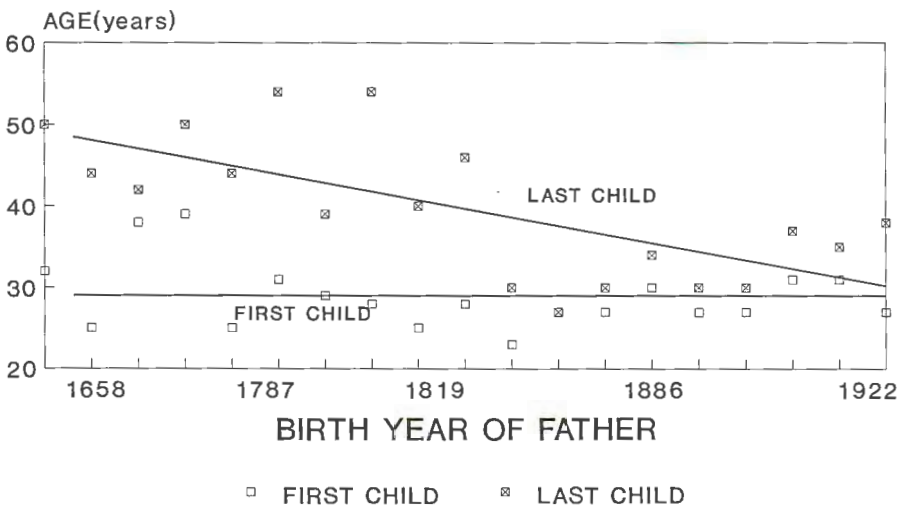
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Generations I, O and -I include all adult descendants of Generation II.

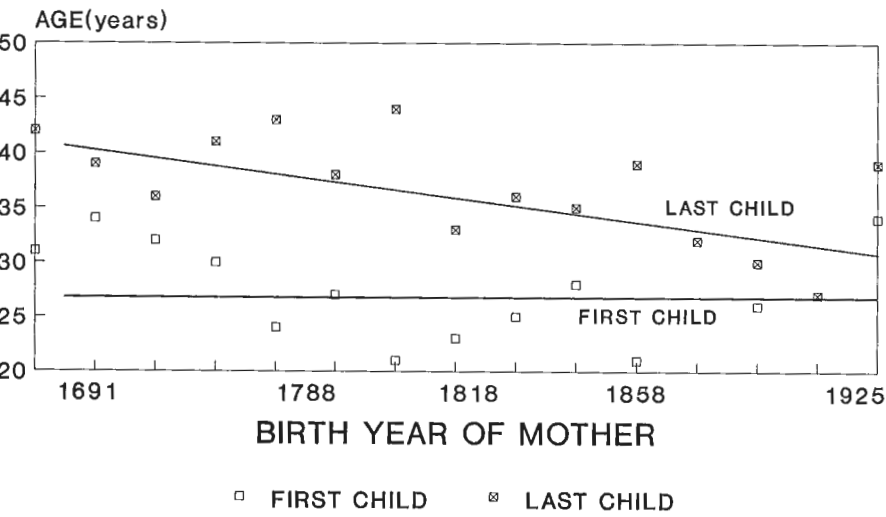
FIG.2 Fathers-Age at Birth of First and Last Child

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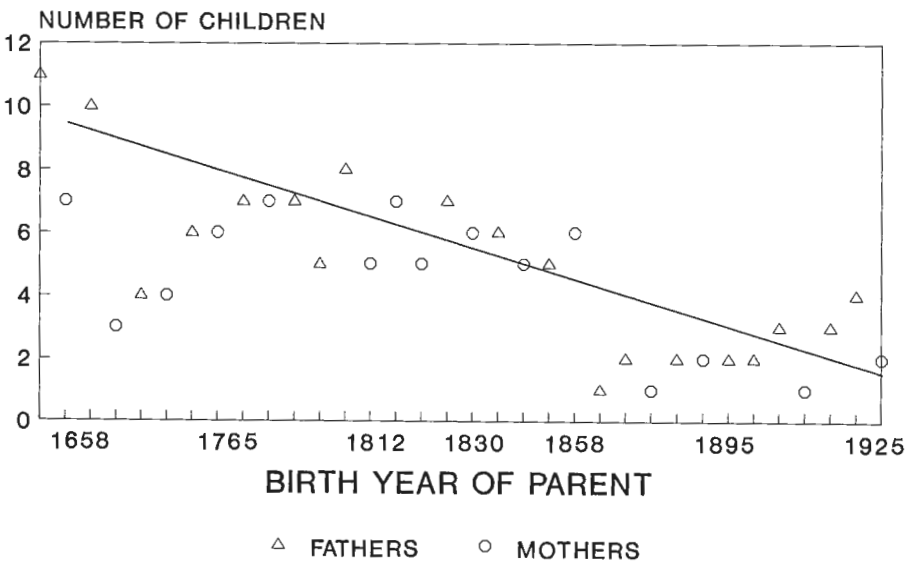
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FIG.3 Mothers-Age at Birth
of First and Last Child
Ancestor Table XXIX



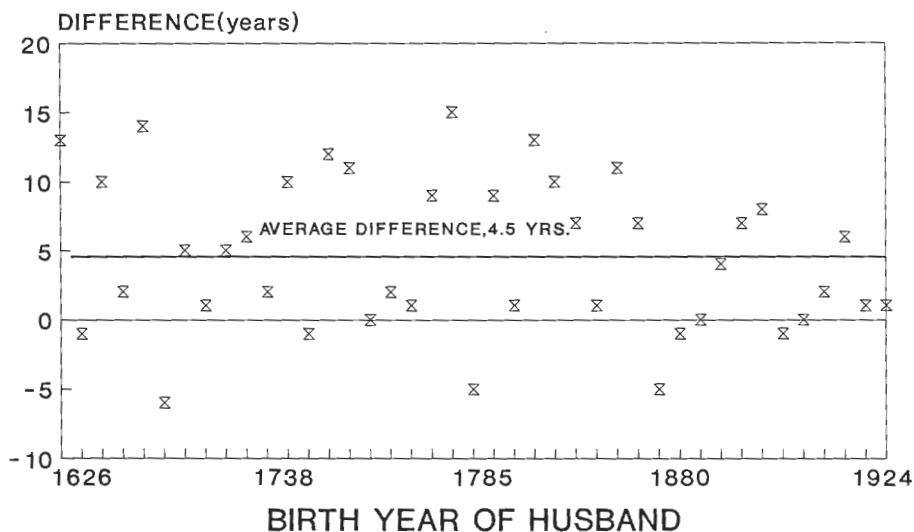
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FIG.4 No. of Children per Parent
Ancestor Table XXIX



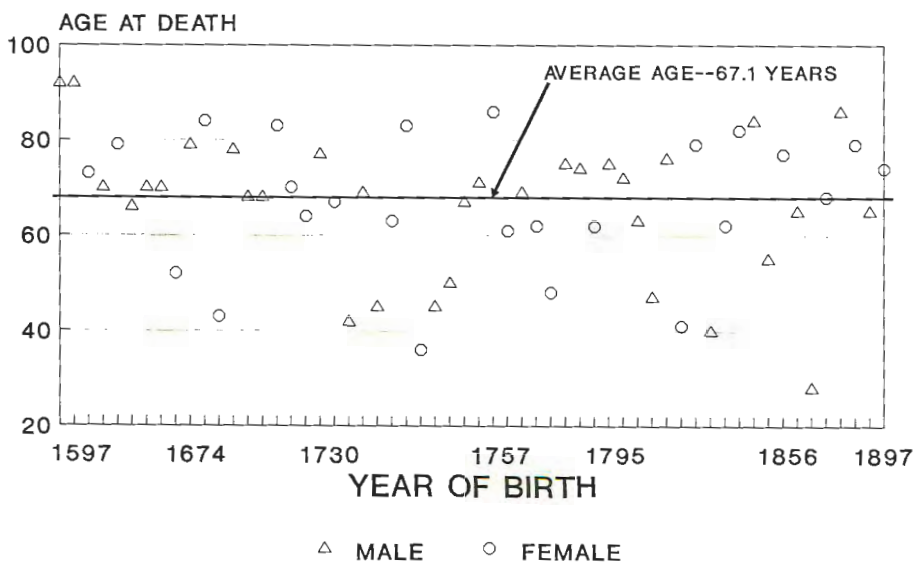
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FIG.5 Spouse Age Difference
Husband's Age Minus Wife's Age
 Ancestor Table XXIX



(see Table No. 1 for coverage)

FIG. 6 Longevity
 Ancestor Table XXIX



(see Table 1 for coverage)